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MESSAGE CONTAINED DEPTTEL 1919 DELIVERED GROMYKO 15:30 PM TODAY. HE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT REPLY.

RE LAST PARA REFTTEL I UGGEST ANNOUNCEMENT SHOULD STATE PRESIDENT DESIRES DISCUSS WITH KHRUSHCHEV POSSIBILITY OF REDUCING DANGER OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT AND IMPROVEMENT AMERICAN-SOVIET RELATIONS. PRESIDENT HOPES PARTICULARLY THAT THESE TALKS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT ON NUCLEAR TEST BAN AND ON GENERAL DISARMAMENT. I SEE DANGERS IN BEING TOO SPECIFIC SINCE THIS MIGHT RESULT IN SOVIETS SUGGESTING SPECIFIC TOPICS SUCH AS CUBA AND ANY SPECIFIC LIST WILL HIGHLIGHT OMISSIONS. INNOCUOUS SUBJECTS WHICH COULD BE MENTIONED BUT WHICH I CONSIDER PROBABLY UNWISE WOULD BE COOPERATION IN OUTER SPACE, BROADENING US-SOVIET TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES, AND POSSIBLY TRADE. KHRUSHCHEV HAS EMPHASIZED DISARMAMENT IN HIS SPEECH TODAY AND I SEE MESSAGE TO US FOR PRESIDENT ALSO TO STRESS THIS TOPIC.

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